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19. A semiconductor apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the inclination angle of one of said pair of opposite inclined portions nearer to said circuit electrode is smaller than that of the other inclined portion in each of said first and second insulating layer members. --

REMARKS:

Entry of this amendment prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

This amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 12, 2001. In response to this restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect the Group I, claims 1-6 drawn to a semiconductor device. The Group II, claims 7-14 directed to a method of making a semiconductor device have been cancelled in this application without prejudice or disclaimer, noting that applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to these non-elected claims.

By the present amendment, claim 2 has been amended to correct a matter regarding antecedent basis. In addition, claims 15-19 are added, dependent on the elected claim 1. These claims further define additional features of the present invention. As such, it is noted that new claims 15-19 fall within the Group I device claims.

For the Examiner's convenience, it is noted that the elected claims 1-6 and 15-19 can readily be read on Figs. 27

and 28 (noting that this reference to the drawings is solely for purposes of assisting the Examiner in reviewing this case, and is not intended to limit the claims only to this particularly embodiment).

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.39240X00).

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 7-14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) A semiconductor apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said wiring is formed on one of said opposite inclined portions which is smaller in inclination angle than the other of said opposite inclined portions of said [stress relaxation layer] electrically insulating layer.

New claims 15-19 have been added.